



State Senator Don Huffines - Senate District 16 (Dallas)

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HUFFINES SUPPORTS STATEWIDE BAN ON TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

Motivated by families' tragic losses, Sen. Huffines announces support for live-saving legislation

AUSTIN - After listening to constituents and reflecting on recent events, Senator Don Huffines (R-Dallas) announced his support for Senate Bill 31 (Zaffirini) and House Bill 62 (Craddick), both of which create a statewide ban on texting while driving. The following statement is attributable to Senator Huffines:

"Since last session, I have listened carefully to constituents and the many families who have been impacted by distracted driving. I listened to their stories, and I struggled to comprehend the senseless loss of their loved ones' lives. They deserve an answer.

"Senate Bill 31 and House Bill 62 will save lives, and I will vote for the bills. Still, they represent an imperfect solution. To simply pass a law and forget about the problem would be a disservice to Texas families and drivers. By itself, a government regulation will be relatively ineffective. To save even more lives, these bills must be coupled with other private sector, innovative ideas and with increased personal responsibility, including direct, impactful conversations between parents and young drivers.

"Texting while driving is an unquestionably dangerous and irresponsible behavior that must end. The many families who have been impacted by texting while driving deserve a fair day in the Texas Legislature, and they deserve a solution. I will vote for legislation that creates a statewide ban on texting while driving while continuing to strongly support non-regulatory solutions that may be even more impactful."

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Senator Don Huffines represents the North half of Dallas County in the Texas Senate. First elected in 2014 and now serving in his second legislative session, he serves as Vice Chairman of the Senate Veteran Affairs & Border Security Committee, and as a member of the Senate Committees on Natural Resources & Economic Development, Education, Intergovernmental Relations, and Administration. Senator Huffines is an advocate for free markets, fewer regulations, and believes in limited government, personal responsibility, and that individuals have the God-given right to pursue their own path.